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JULIE NAUMAN Executive Officer

CalVCP and Partners to Turn Over Thousands of Donations at Capitol Event

Donation Campaign to Assist Survivors of Domestic Violence

Sacramento, CA – Following the month-long Suited for Successful Families donation campaign, the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP), WEAVE and the California Coalition against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) will host the <u>2014 Suited for Successful Families Turnover Event</u> on the west steps of the California State Capitol on Wednesday, October 29th at 10 a.m.



Legislators, victim advocates, victim service providers, crime survivors, donors, and the public will gather to stand against domestic violence, discuss recent achievements in victim rights and services, and witness the turnover of thousands of donated items, including professional men's and women's attire, children's clothing, diapers, and toys.

"I am moved to see so many donations from generous people across this city," said Julie Nauman, CalVCP Executive Officer. "I want to thank everyone who contributed. These donations directly provide for child victims' basic needs and help their parents develop professional careers. Your donations show how much you care about your community and want to help victims of domestic violence."

Several dignitaries and victim advocates will join Nauman to remind the public of crime victims' rights and the multitude of services available to them. Speakers will include:

Marybel Batjer, Secretary, California Government Operations Agency
Julie Nauman, Executive Officer, California Victim Compensation Program
Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez, California State Assembly
Assemblymember Ken Cooley, California State Assembly
Beth Hassett, Executive Director, WEAVE, Inc.
Shaina Brown, Public Affairs and Communications Associate, CALCASA
Crime Survivor, Survivor of Domestic Violence
Lynnette Irlmeier, Executive Director, Empower Yolo
Darrel Woo, Board President, My Sister's House
Michelle Coleman, Executive Director, Stand Up Placer
Carole Ching, Board President, A Community for Peace

The Governor's Office, 13 local agencies, and Chicory Coffee & Tea collected items from October 1-23rd during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Immediately following the press event, the donations will be turned over to nonprofits that directly serve domestic violence survivors: WEAVE, Inc., Empower Yolo, My Sister's House, Stand Up Placer, and a Community for Peace. CalVCP partner organizations, legislators, beneficiaries, and donors will be recognized for their contributions and service to victims.

CalVCP continues to support more than 14,000 domestic violence victims each year by providing compensation for medical and mental health treatment, home security, and relocation support. Last fiscal year, the program provided nearly \$13 million to help domestic violence victims get to safety and begin healing.

For more information regarding this donation effort and press event, please visit http://vcgcb.ca.gov/victims/dvam/#turnover.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter. Last fiscal year, the program assisted nearly 600 individuals each week, and provided over \$61 million in compensation to crime victims.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.